

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

April 22, 2010 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order/Introduction of All Present

- **Members:** Lori Cherry, Philip Decker, Nancy Ellis, Stephen Lewis, David Lighthall, David M. Moll, Nicholas D. Paladino
- **Staff:** Bryan Jones, Jeff Clark, Charles Alexander
- **Visitors:** John Cinatl, Tony Molina, Justin Reimer, Mike Slayden, Ed Smith

2. Approval of Minutes: There was not a quorum at the March meeting; thus there were no minutes taken.

3. “Off the Front” Presentation

- Mike Slayden of the “Off the Front” organization briefed the committee on the goals of this new non-profit. Off-the-Front exists to give a bicycle to every 4th grade student who achieves customized goals in academics, character, and service, in order to motivate each child in the areas of education and health. The program will exist in two phases. In Phase 1, 4th grade students in the impoverished areas of Fresno Unified School District are entered, and specific goals are set for each student. At the end of the school year students who have achieved their goals are awarded a new bicycle, lock, and helmet. After the first completed year of Phase 1 at a participating school, Phase 2 will commence. In this phase students K-6th grade will be encouraged to ride their bikes to school. At this time Off-the-Front is working with Susan B. Anthony Elementary School. Mike Slayden primarily desired to inform the committee of his program. He would like to work with the committee to develop safe routes to the participating schools to enable bicycling and walking to school.

4. Bicycle Master Plan Priority Ranking Lists:

- The priority project lists are not yet completed. The consultants and the city staff are refining the initial draft lists that were shown to the committee at the March meeting. The completed lists should be ready for committee review at the May meeting.

5. Bicycle Master Plan - First Four Chapters:

- The Goals and Policies chapter has already been reviewed by the committee.
- Three new chapters, Introduction, Existing Conditions, and Relationship to Other Plans, were distributed earlier today electronically for committee review. City staff requested that committee members have their comments submitted by April 28 so that a complete draft may be ready for public distribution and comment by the end of May. Other chapters will be distributed as they are completed. The staff requests that the committee members rapidly review those chapters to meet the end of May deadline.

6. Update for “May is Bike Month”:

- The proclamations of May is Bike Month are as follows:
City of Fresno occurred this morning. City of Clovis will be Monday, May 3. County of Fresno will be Tuesday, May 11.

- The Revive Your Bike event will be this Sunday, April 25, at Woodward Park across from the BMX course. It will include a bike safety course for children as well as bicycle repair.
- The Mall to Mall ride will be on Wednesday, May 5, from Manchester Center to downtown and through the Fulton Mall and conclude at the Iron Bird Lofts café where coffee and pastries will be available.
- People can now register at ibikefresno.org for the Million Mile Challenge. Only individual sign-ups are currently available, as the team component is not fully functional. That will be completed by the end of the month so that teams can register for the Corporate Challenge on May 19.

7. “Safe routes to School” Grant Application:

- Caltrans has announced the next round of the Safe Routes to School grant program. Applications must be received from cities and counties by July 15. Nick Paladino encouraged the city to submit an application based upon the priority lists being developed for the bicycle master plan. Bryan Jones said a possible project could be a road diet on N. Fresno Street from Divisadero Street to McKinley Avenue. However, due to severe cuts in next year’s budget, it will be very difficult for the Public Works staff to submit as many grants as previously.

8. Comments/Reports from Members and Staff:

- Nick Paladino reported that the next meeting of the committee assisting the county in writing a bicycle plan for the county will be Thursday, April 29. The meeting will focus on goals and policies.
- Nick Paladino asked if the city could provide an updated list of all bicycle lane and trail projects that are either programmed or budgeted. The list should include the tentative schedule for the project, the current status of the project, and the cost of the project. He also asked that the list be updated semi-annually. Bryan Jones said such a list could be provided in August or September.